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(54) Title: SKIN-BALANCE MOISTURIZING CREAM

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an oil-free skin care composition for moisturizing the skin comprising (a) a humectant comprising glycerin and propylene glycol; (b) an emollient comprising isohexadecane, cyclomethicone, dimethicone, dimethicone copolyol and trimethyl siloxysilicate; (c) a keratolytic agent; and (d) water. The skin care compositions according to the invention accomplish effective moisturization through a combination of the softening effects of emollients with the moisture retaining action of humectants and coating activities of lubricants. The combination of ingredients counteract the effect of moisture loss, thereby keeping skin soft, smooth and supple. The compositions according to the invention are non-comedogenic and have long lasting moisturizing effects without the use of occlusive materials.

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SKIN-BALANCE MOISTURIZING CREAM

This application claims priority to U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/153,005 filed September 9, 1999, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

5 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a non-comedogenic skin care composition that effectively moisturizes the skin through a combination of the softening effects of emollients with the moisture retaining action of humectants and coating activities of lubricants, to counteract the effect of moisture loss, thereby keeping skin soft, smooth 10 and supple.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

It is known that skin protection and a long lasting moisturizing effect is best achieved through water-in-oil emulsions. See, for example, U.S. Patent No. 3,818,105. 15 However, such emulsions compromise aesthetics due to their oily and greasy after feel when applied to the skin. Certain water-based products, *i.e.*, oil-in-water emulsions, are oil-free and non-greasy but lack sufficient moisturizing properties. U.S. Patent No. 4,389,419 discloses a skin care water-out emulsion composition to moisturize and condition the skin comprising mixture of petrolatum or mineral oil, a quaternary 20 ammonium emulsifier, a fatty alcohol and a fatty ester emollient. While this composition counteracts the effect of moisture loss, thereby keeping the skin soft, smooth and supple, the presence of petrolatum and mineral oils makes the composition difficult to emulsify as well as render it cosmetically unacceptable.

The problems associated with an effective skin moisturizing product are even 25 more profound in the teenage market where the mode of moisturizing is seen as conflicting with keeping skin free of pimples and comedones. Teenagers normally avoid moisturizers because they are perceived to worsen problematic skin. However, adequate hydration is necessary for healing and to reduce dryness, thereby, maintaining the integrity of the skin's barrier function.

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Accordingly, there remains a need for an effective skin moisturizing composition that is effective at moisturizing the skin without the leaving an oily or greasy feel to the skin and is non-comedogenic.

It has surprisingly been discovered that a light, oil-free, non-greasy, water based 5 cream emulsion, that is easy to spread, quick absorbing, long lasting, and non-comedogenic can be obtained through a specific combination of emollients, humectants and keratolytic agent.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

10 Accordingly, the invention relates to an oil-free skin care composition for moisturizing the skin comprising:

- (a) a humectant comprising glycerin and propylene glycol;
- (b) an emollient comprising isohexadecane, cyclomethicone, dimethicone, dimethicone copolyol and trimethylsiloxysilicate;
- 15 (c) a keratolytic agent; and
- (d) water.

The skin care compositions according to the invention accomplish effective moisturization through a combination of the softening effects of emollients with the moisture retaining action of humectants and coating activities of lubricants. The 20 combination of ingredients counteract the effect of moisture loss, thereby keeping skin soft, smooth and supple. The compositions according to the invention are non-comedogenic and have long lasting moisturizing effects without the use of occlusive materials.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

25 The invention relates to a skin care composition for moisturizing the skin comprising a humectant, an emollient, a keratolytic agent and water. The skin care composition according to the invention is an oil-free, water-based, *i.e.*, oil-in-water emulsion. In the context of the invention, the phrase "oil-free" means free from petrolatum or any ingredient with the name "oil" in its nomenclature, including, for 30 example, mineral oil.

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The skin care compositions according to the invention comprise at least one humectant which increases the water content of the top layer of the skin by actively attracting and retaining the moisture where it is needed to relieve dry skin. The skin's moisture level is thereby increased without feeling heavy and occlusive.

5 The humectant is preferably present in an amount of from about 2 to about 10 wt. %, based on the total composition. Suitable humectants for use in the present invention include glycerin, propylene glycol, and mixtures thereof. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the humectant is a mixture of from about 1 to about 5 wt.% of glycerin and from about 1 to about 5 wt. % of propylene glycol, even more preferably, from about 2
10 to about 3 wt. % glycerin and from about 2 to about 3 wt. % propylene glycol, based on the total composition.

The skin care composition according to the invention also contain an emollient. The emollient useful in the skin care composition according to the invention contains a mixture of isohexadecane, cyclomethicone, dimethicone, dimethicone copolyol, and
15 trimethylsiloxysilicate. The emollients act indirectly to soften the stratum corneum by slowing down the loss of moisture to the environment, allowing the skin to re-moisturize itself from within.

The dimethicone and trimethylsiloxysilicate offers skin protection and long lasting lubricity with a light touch and do not interfere with the skin's transpiration. The
20 combination of cyclomethicone and dimethicone copolyol is normally used for preparing water-in-cyclomethicone emulsions. In the skin care compositions according to the invention, the cyclomethicone and dimethicone copolyol is used as a delivery system for the emollients. Being a water-based emulsion, *i.e.*, oil-in-water, once applied to the skin, the volatile components evaporate, imparting a cooling effect on the skin as well as
25 leaving behind the heavier, more effective skin conditioning agents on the skin.

In addition to providing emolliency, the dimethicone copolyol is a silicone glycol copolymer that provides humectant benefits in addition to emolliency. Examples of commercially available dimethicone copolyols useful herein sold by Dow Corning Corporation are DC 190, DC 193, DC Q2-5220, DC 2501 Wax, DC 2-5324 fluid, and

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DC 3225C (this later material being sold as a mixture with cyclomethicone). Cetyl dimethicone copolyol is commercially available as a mixture with polyglyceryl-4 isostearate (and) hexyl laurate and is sold under the tradename ABIL.RTM. WE-09 (available from Goldschmidt).

5 Trimethylsiloxy silicate is a polymeric material corresponding to the general chemical formula $[(CH_2)_3 SiO_{1/2}]_x [SiO_2]_y$, wherein x is an integer from about 1 to about 500 and y is an integer from about 1 to about 500. A preferred commercially available trimethylsiloxy silicate is sold by Dow Corning as a mixture with dimethicone as DC 593.

10 Suitable dimethicones useful as an emollient in the skin care composition of the invention are commercially available from Dow Corning as the Dow Corning 200 series. A particularly preferred dimethicone for use in the skin care compositions of the invention is available from Dow Corning is DC200/350cst.

15 In a preferred embodiment, the skin care composition according to the invention comprises from about 3 to about 15 wt.% of the emollient. Particularly preferred is a combination of from about 1.0 to about 4.0 wt.% isohexadecane, from about 1.0 to about 5.0 wt.% of DC 3225C, and from about 0.5 to about 3.0 wt.% of DC 593 and from about 0.5 to about 3.0 DC 200/350 wt.% cst based on the total weight of the composition.

20 The keratolytic agent useful in the skin care compositions according to the invention should be effective in preventing pimples and comedones. Suitable keratolytic agents include alpha hydroxy acids and beta hydroxy acids. The most preferred keratolytic agent is salicylic acid. Preferably, the keratolytic agent is present in the skin care compositions according to the invention at from about 0.25 to about 2.0 wt.%, more preferably from about 0.5 to about 2.0 wt.%, based on the total composition.

25 The skin care composition according to the invention preferably contains an effective stabilizing amount of an emulsifier. Preferably, the emulsifier is present at from about 1.0 to about 10.0, more preferably from about 3.0 to about 6.0, weight percent, based on the total composition. Any emulsifier that is compatible with the components of the composition can be employed. However, it has been discovered that when stearic acid is the primary emulsifier, it also helps provide the skin feel of the

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product. Additionally, when used as co-emulsifiers, cetyl alcohol and stearyl alcohol also provide lubricating properties for the skin. Accordingly, in a preferred embodiment, the emulsifier used in the skin care composition of the invention is a mixture of from about 0.5 to about 3.0, more preferably from about 1 to about 2, weight percent, based on the total composition, each of stearic acid, cetyl alcohol and stearyl alcohol.

The emulsion can be further stabilized by inclusion of a small quantity of a thickener. The thickener is used in amount of about 0.01 to about 10% by weight based upon the weight of the coating composition. The range of about 0.01 to about 5% by weight is preferred, with the range of about 0.03 to about 1.0% by weight being particularly preferred. The thickener can be a non-associative thickener or stabilizer, such as a homopolymer or a copolymer of an olefinically unsaturated carboxylic acid or anhydride monomers containing at least one activated carbon to carbon olefinic double bond and at least one carboxyl group or an alkali soluble acrylic emulsion.

Alternatively, an associative thickener or stabilizer can be used, such as a hydrophobically modified alkali soluble acrylic emulsion or a hydrophobically modified nonionic polyol polymer, *i.e.*, a hydrophobically modified urethane polymer, or combinations thereof. The copolymers are preferably copolymers of a polycarboxylic acid monomer and a hydrophobic monomer. The preferred carboxylic acid is acrylic acid. The homopolymers and copolymers preferably are crosslinked.

Homopolymers of polyacrylic acid are described, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 2,798,053, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Examples of homopolymers which are useful include Carbopol Registered TM 934, 940, 941, Ultrez 10, ETD 2050, and 974P polymers, which are available from The B. F. Goodrich Company. Such polymers are homopolymers of unsaturated, polymerizable carboxylic acid monomers such as acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, itaconic acid, maleic anhydride, and the like.

Hydrophobically modified polyacrylic acid polymers are described, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. and 5,349,030, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference. These polymers have a large water-loving hydrophilic portion (the polyacrylic acid portion) and a smaller oil-loving hydrophobic portion (which can be derived from a long carbon chain acrylate ester). Representative higher

alkyl acrylic esters are decycl acrylate, lauryl acrylate, stearyl acrylate, behenyl acrylate and melissyl acrylate, and the corresponding methacrylates. It should be understood that more than one carboxylic monomer and more than one acrylate ester or vinyl ester or ether or styrenic can be used in the monomer charge. The polymers can be dispersed in

5 water and neutralized with base to thicken the aqueous composition, form a gel, or emulsify or suspend a deliverable. Useful polymers are sold as Carbopol Registered TM 1342 and 1382 and Pemulen Registered TM TR-1, TR-2, 1621, and 1622, all available from BFGoodrich. Particularly preferred is Pemulen TR-1 (CTFA Designation: Acrylates/10-30 Alkyl Acrylate Crosspolymer).

10 Neutralizing agents suitable for use in neutralizing acidic group containing hydrophilic gelling agents herein include sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, monoethanolamine, diethanolamine and triethanolamine.

The skin care compositions according to the invention preferably has a pH which provides a suitable environment for the keratolytic agent efficacy as well as to maintain

15 the skin's moisture balance where the pH is in the range of 4.5 to 6.5. Preferably, the pH of the composition ranges from 5.5 to 6.5.

Generally, the water content of the skin care compositions according to the invention ranges from about 75 to about 85 wt.%, preferably from about 75 to about 80 wt.% water. This relatively high water content makes the cream light and easy to apply.

20 The compositions are preferably formulated so as to have a product viscosity of from about 75,000 to about 300,000 cps.

The skin care compositions according to the invention can comprise additional ingredients commonly found in skin care compositions, such as for example, preservatives, antioxidants, perfumes, chelating agents, etc., provided that they are

25 physically and chemically compatible with the other components of the composition.

Examples of suitable preservatives for use in the skin care compositions of the invention include the C₁-C₄ alkyl parabens and phenoxyethanol. Generally, the preservative is present in an amount ranging from about 0.5 to about 2.0, preferably about 1.0 to about 1.5, weight percent based on the total composition. In a preferred embodiment, the

30 preservative is mixture of from about 0.2 to about 0.5 weight percent methylparaben, from about 0.2 to about 5.0 weight percent propylparaben and from about 0.05 to about

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0.10 weight percent butylparaben. A particularly preferred commercially available preservative that may be used in the skin care composition according to this invention is PHENONIP TM which is a practically colorless, viscous, liquid mixture of phenoxyethanol, methylparaben, ethylparaben, propylparaben, and butylparaben
5 available from Nipa Laboratories, Inc., Wilmington, Del.

Preferably, an oil-soluble antioxidant should be present in the skin care compositions according to the invention. Suitable antioxidants include butylated hydroxy toluene (BHT), ascorbyl palmitate, butylated hydroanisole (BHA), phenyl- α -naphthylamine, hydroquinone, propyl gallate, nordihydroquiaretic acid, and mixtures
10 thereof. Preferably the antioxidant is BHT and is present in the composition at from about .02 to about .05wt%, most preferably from about .02 to about 0.10.

15 Fragrances suitable for use in the skin care compositions according to the invention are well known in the art. Particularly preferred are those that can provide a fruity and/or floral fragrance, such as, for example, Mod Twist, commercially available from Haarmann & Reimer Corp.

In certain aspects of this invention, the compositions should include a chelating agent. Chelating agents which are useful in the compositions of the present invention include ethylenediamine tetra acetic acid (EDTA) and derivatives and salts thereof, dihydroxyethyl glycine, citric acid, tartaric acid, and mixtures thereof. The chelating
20 agents should be utilized in a stabilizing effective amount and may range from about 0.01 to about 2% based on the weight of the total composition, preferably from about 0.05 to about 1%. Most preferably, the chelating agent should be EDTA.

Other ingredients may include agents which assist in protecting the skin from aging, such as sunscreens, anti-oxidant vitamins such as ascorbic acid, vitamin B, biotin,
25 pantothenic acid, vitamin D, vitamin E and vitamin C, and sodium bisulfite. Yeast extract, gingko biloba, bisabolol, panthenol, alpha hydroxy acids and oligosaccharides such as melibiose are among other ingredients which assist in preventing aging of the skin by such means as irritation mitigation, oxidation mitigation, healing, affecting retinoid metabolism and inhibiting the production of elastase.

30 Ingredients with a low comedogenicity capacity should be chosen in order to render the product non-comedogenic.

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The skin care compositions according to the invention accomplish effective moisturization through a combination of the softening effects of emollients with the moisture retaining action of humectants and coating activities of lubricants, to counteract the effect of moisture loss, thereby keeping skin soft, smooth and supple. The compositions according to the invention have long lasting moisturizing effects without the use of occlusive materials.

The compositions of the present invention can be prepared by well-known mixing or blending procedures. Each phase of the emulsion is preferably separately prepared with all of the components contained in the appropriate phase, except that it is 10 usually preferred to omit the retinoid compound initially. The emulsion is then formed normally by adding the oil phase to the water phase with agitation, and the emulsion should be cooled down when the retinoid compound is added. Set forth below is an example of a preferred method for preparing the skin care composition according to the invention.

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Salicylic Acid (premix 1):

In a separate vessel, salicylic acid is added to propylene glycol and mixed until clear

20 **Phase A (main batch)**

1. Purified water is added to0 mixing vessel.
2. Start side sweep scraper and agitator.
3. EDTA is added and mixed until dispersed.
4. Pemulen TR-1 is sprinkled in and mixed well until
25 dispersed.
5. The composition is heated to 70-75°C whilst
mixing. At 70-75°C, Carbopol ultrez 10 is sprinkled in and mixed
until dispersed.
6. At 70-75°C, methylparaben is added and mixing is
30 continued.
7. Glycerin is added and mixing continued.

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8. The composition is held at 70-75°C for phasing.

Phase B (oil phase)

9. Isohexadecane is added to a separate vessel

5 followed by cetyl alcohol and heated to 75-80°C, to allow all ingredients to melt.

10. At approximately 55-65°C, propylparaben is added followed by butylparaben with mixing after each addition until well dispersed

11. Butylated hydroxy toluene is added and mixed.

12. Heating is continued to 75-80°C and stearic acid is added. The composition is allowed to melt and disperse. Stearyl alcohol is added and then DC 3225C followed by DC 593, and mixed until uniform.

13. Dimethicone is added and all ingredients are well dispersed.

14. The composition is held at 75-80°C for phasing.

Phasing

20. When the oil phase is at 75-80°C and the water phase is at 70-75°C, the oil phase (phase B) is added to the water phase (phase A) slowly while homogenizing for 5-10 minutes to ensure a homogeneous batch.

25. Triethanolamine is slowly added and mixed for 10 minutes or until a homogenous batch is achieved.

17. Homogenizer is turned off and the composition is mixed and cooled to 40-45°C.

18. Salicylic acid is added to the premix

19. Fragrance is added and mixed for 20-25 minutes or until uniform.

30. Viscosity and pH measurement are taken at 25°C.

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The following example is intended to illustrate the invention without being limiting in nature.

5 **EXAMPLE**

Component CTFA Name	Component Trade Name	% (w/w) q.s.
Water		
Carbomer	Carbbopol Ultrez 10 Polymer	0.30
Acrylates/ C ₁₀₋₃₀ Alkyl Acrylate Crosspolymer	Pemulen TR-1	0.20
Disodium EDTA	Trilon BD	0.05
Glycerin	Pricerine 9073	3.0
Cyclomethicone (and)Dimethicone Copolyol	DC 3225C	2.0
Isohexadecane	Isohexadecane	2.0
Dimethicone (and) Trimethylsiloxysilicate	DC 593	2.0
Dimethicone	DC 200/350 cst	2.0
Stearyl Alcohol	Lanette 18	1.0
Stearic Acid	Prisetrine 4900	1.0
Cetyl Alcohol	Lanette 16	2.0
Phenoxyethanol & parabens	Phenonip	1.0
Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol USP	3.0
Salicylic Acid	Salicylic Acid	0.50
Butylated Hydroxy Toluene	BHT	0.02
Triethanolamine	Trolamine	1.38
Fragrance	ModTwist	0.5

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An oil-free skin care composition for moisturizing the skin comprising:
 - (e) a humectant comprising glycerin and propylene glycol;
 - (f) an emollient comprising isohexadecane, cyclomethicone,
5 dimethicone, dimethicone copolyol and trimethylsiloxy silicate;
 - (g) a keratolytic agent; and
 - (h) water.
2. The composition according to claim 1, comprising a stabilizing effective amount of an emulsifier.
- 10 3. The composition of claim 2, wherein the emulsifier is selected from stearic acid, cetyl alcohol and stearyl alcohol.
4. The composition of claim 1, comprising a stabilizing effective amount of a thickener.
5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the keratolytic agent is selected from
15 salicylic acid.
6. The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a preservative.
7. The composition of claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a chelating agent.
- 20 8. The composition of claim 7 wherein the chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of ethylenediamine tetra acetic acid (EDTA) and salts thereof.
9. The composition of claim 1, further comprising an antioxidant.
10. The composition of claim 9, wherein the antioxidant is selected from butylated hydroxy toluene (BHT), ascorbyl palmitate, butylated hydroanisole (BHA),
25 phenyl- α -naphthylamine, hydroquinone, propyl gallate, nordihydroquaiaretic acid, and mixtures thereof.

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DERWENT: skin, glycerin, propylene glycol, iso hexadecane,
CAS : dimethicone, cyclomethicone and related terms.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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